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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 JOSHUA KEAHEY, an  
12 individual, TRAVIS KEAHEY,  
13 an individual, and JENNY  
14 KEAHEY, an individual.

15 PLAINTIFF,

16 vs.

17 BERTRAND MANAGEMENT  
18 GROUP, LLC, a.k.a. BM Group,  
19 LLC, MEGAN DOE, MARGO  
20 DOE, and DOES 1to 5,

21 DEFENDANTS.

Case No.: **SACV12 - 01770 CJC (ANx)**

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

**COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES AND  
INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

- 1. VIOLATION OF THE FAIR  
DEBT COLLECTION  
PRACTICES ACT**
- 2. VIOLATION OF THE  
ROSENTHAL FAIR DEBT  
COLLECTION PRACTICES  
ACT**
- 3. INVASION OF PRIVACY**
- 4. INTENTIONAL INFILCTION  
OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

1. Plaintiffs, JOSH KEAHEY, TRAVIS KEAHEY, and JENNY KEAHEY  
(hereinafter collectively referred to as Plaintiffs unless otherwise indicated)  
bring this action to enjoin Defendants, BERTRAND MANAGEMENT  
GROUP, LLC, a.k.a. BM GROUP, LLC, MEGAN DOE, and MARGO  
DOE (collectively referred to as “Defendants” unless otherwise indicated)  
from continuing with its campaign of harassment and intimidation and to  
recover for damages suffered by virtue of Defendants’ abusive conduct in  
the course of collecting on a consumer debt purportedly owed by Josh.

2. Since May 2012, Defendants have embarked on an illegal campaign of debt collection abuse by:

- a. Telling Jenny that a warrant had been issued for Josh's arrest;
- b. Calling and harassing Josh and Travis' father when his father was in the late stages of terminal cancer.
- c. Making offensive telephone calls and threatening to continue calling Jenny and Travis about the debt unless Josh paid it;
- d. Falsely claiming they were a law firm;
- e. Claiming that a lawsuit had been filed against Josh when in fact

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1 Bertrand had not taken any such action; and

2 f. Falsely representing that Bertrand was a government enforcement  
3 agency or affiliated with one.  
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5 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

6 3. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331, 15 U.S.C. §  
7 1692(k), and 28 U.S.C. § 1367 for supplemental state claims.  
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9 4. This action arises out of Defendants' violations of the Fair Debt Collection  
10 Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692 et seq. ("FDCPA") and the Rosenthal Fair  
11 Debt Collection Practices Act, California Civil Code §§ 1788-1788.32  
12 ("Rosenthal Act").  
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14 5. Because Defendants do business within the State of California, personal  
15 jurisdiction is established.  
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17 6. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391.  
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19 7. At all times relevant, Defendants conducted business within the State of  
20 California.  
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22 **PARTIES**

23 8. Plaintiff, Josh Keahey is a natural person who resides in the City of Buena  
24 Park, State of California.  
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9. Plaintiff, Travis Keahey is a natural person who resides in the City of Buena Park, State of California.

10. Plaintiff, Jenny Keahey is a natural person who resides in the City of Buena Park, State of California.

11. Defendants are located in the City of Ontario, in the State of California.

12. Plaintiff, Josh Keahey is obligated or allegedly obligated to pay a debt, and is a “consumer” as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).

13. Defendants are persons who uses an instrumentality of interstate commerce or the mails in a business the principal purpose of which is the collection of debts, or who regularly collects or attempts to collect, directly, or indirectly, debts owed or due or asserted to be owed or due another and is therefore a debt collector as that phrase is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).

14. Plaintiff, Josh Keahey is a natural person from whom a debt collector sought to collect a consumer debt which was due and owing or alleged to be due and owing from Josh; and he is a “debtor” as that term is defined by California Civil Code § 1788.2(h).

15. Defendants, in the ordinary course of business, regularly, on behalf of

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1 himself, herself, or others, engages in debt collection as that term is defined  
2 by California Civil Code § 1788.2(c).

3 16. This case involves money, property or their equivalent, due or owing or  
4 alleged to be due or owing from a natural person by reason of a consumer  
5 credit transaction. As such, this action arises out of a consumer debt and  
6 "consumer credit" as those terms are defined by Cal. Civ. Code § 1788.2(f).  
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8 17. The true name of Megan Doe is currently unknown to Plaintiff who alleges  
9 Megan Doe was responsible in some manner for the injuries sustained by  
10 Plaintiffs as hereinafter alleged. Plaintiffs request leave to file an  
11 amendment to this Complaint alleging the true complete name of Gail Doe  
12 when this name has been ascertained.  
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14 18. Any acts or omission of Megan Doe alleged in this Complaint were under  
15 the direct control or supervision of Defendant Bertrand Management  
16 Group, LLC, and consequently Defendant Bertrand Management Group,  
17 LLC is vicariously liable for these acts or omissions.  
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19 19. The true name of Margo Doe is currently unknown to Plaintiffs who allege  
20 Megan Doe was responsible in some manner for the injuries sustained by  
21 Plaintiffs as hereinafter alleged. Plaintiffs requests leave to file an  
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2 when this name has been ascertained.

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5 Group, LLC, and consequently Defendant Bertrand Management Group,  
6 LLC is vicariously liable for these acts or omissions.  
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9 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

10 **Bertrand Contacting Jenny and Travis Regarding Josh's Debt**

11 21. Sometime on or before May 2012, Josh is alleged to have incurred certain  
12 financial obligations to Wells Fargo Financial Bank.

13 22. Plaintiffs are informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that sometime  
14 before May 2012, the alleged debt was assigned, placed, or otherwise  
15 transferred, to Defendant Bertrand for collection.

16 23. On or about May 2012, Defendant's representative called Jenny claiming a  
17 warrant had been issued for Josh's arrest by reason of his failure to pay the  
18 alleged debt. In addition, the representative warned, that if Josh failed to  
19 make payment to Defendant, Jenny and Travis would be directly  
20 responsible for the debt.

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1 24. After concluding her call with Defendant, Jenny immediately called Travis  
2 notifying him that the police would be coming to arrest him and that he  
3 needed to immediately pay the debt otherwise Bertrand would proceed  
4 directly against her and Travis.  
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6 25. In the face of these false threats, Josh was humiliated and embarrassed that  
7 his financial affairs were being disclosed to Jenny and Travis and ashamed  
8 that they could be held personally liable for the debt. Josh genuinely feared  
9 that these false representations were true and that a police officer would be  
10 coming to his home to arrest him.  
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13 26. During the next few days, Josh struggled with sleeping and would  
14 repeatedly get up and anxiously look outside his apartment window  
15 expecting a police officer to show up to arrest him.  
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17 27. On or about May 17, 2012, because Josh could no longer tolerate the  
18 anxiety and uncertainty of when he would be arrested, he asked a close  
19 friend if he could stay at his house for a few days.  
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21 **Bertrand Contacting Plaintiff's Father**  
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23 28. Defendants' unrelenting abusive debt collection practices were not  
24 targeted only at Josh, Travis, and Jenny.  
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1 29. Sometime on or about May 2012, Defendants began contacting Josh and  
2 Travis' father ("Mr. Keahey) claiming to be a process server. During this  
3 period, their father was suffering from cancer and eventually passed away  
4 on July 1, 2012.

5 30. Defendants falsely told Mr. Keahey that a lawsuit had been filed against  
6 Josh and that Defendants were in the process of serving Josh with the  
7 Summons and Complaint. In reliance on these false representations, Mr.  
8 Keahey insisted on returning to work to help Josh pay off the debt. Mr.  
9 Keahey continued to work up until the time of his death on July 1, 2012.

10 31. While Mr. Keahey was suffering from cancer and ultimately succumbed to  
11 the disease, Josh harbors guilt over his father's death.

12 32. In the weeks after Defendants' call and before his passing, Mr. Keahey  
13 grew increasingly worried and concerned over Josh financial solvency.  
14 Josh feels responsible for his father having to return to work and face the  
15 remaining part of his life distraught over Josh's finances.

16 **Bertrand's Communications With Josh on May 21, 2012**

17 33. On or about May 21, 2012, Josh called Defendants and spoke with  
18 representative, Margo Doe.

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1           34. Josh told Margo Doe that he was returning a message for him left with his  
2           sister-in-law.

3           35. Margo Doe responded that Bertrand is a “litigation firm” and that Josh’s  
4           account had already been assigned to an attorney. In addition, Margo Doe  
5           told Josh that a lawsuit had already been filed against him and denied that  
6           Bertrand communicated with Jenny and Mr. Keahey. Margo Doe further  
7           explained that Betrand’s policy prohibits the making of outbound calls and  
8           that the communication to Jenny was made by a process server in  
9           connection with the individual’s attempt to serve Josh.

10           36. During this conversation, Margo Doe led Josh to incorrectly believe that  
11           Bertrand was affiliated or was operating in the capacity as a government  
12           enforcement agency, by representing that the debt was coming from the  
13           “FDCI [*sic*] Banking Institution.” In light of Defendants’ threat to have him  
14           arrested and as an unsophisticated consumer, Josh reasonably believed that  
15           Defendants were vested with regulatory powers and that paying the debt  
16           was the only way to avoid having the government continue to pursue him.

17           37. Margo Doe then told Josh that his failure to respond to an out-court-  
18           settlement offer made by Bertrand’s attorney prompted the filing of the

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purported lawsuit. In addition, Margo Doe stated that given that Bertrand had to resort to suing Josh, Josh was also responsible for a \$3500 assessment fee on top of the \$2400 debt alleged to be owing.

38. In continuing with this deception, Margo Doe asked Josh if he wanted to set up “servicing” given that Bertrand’s process server had already made multiple unsuccessful attempts to serve Josh.

39. Confusingly, Margo Doe then proceeds to again deny that Bertrand ever called Mrs. Keahey but then oddly explains that the process server's two failed attempts at serving Josh prompted the communication to Mrs. Keahey.

40. Hoping to put the matter with Bertrand behind him, Josh asked Margo Doe if Bertrand would consider a settlement offer. Margo Doe responded that Bertrand would be willing to waive the \$3500 assessment fee in exchange for Josh agreeing to pay \$1,360 to liquidate the account. Before committing to a settlement, Josh requested that Margo Doe and/or Bertrand stop calling members of his family and that Margo Doe send him proof in writing that he owed the debt.

41. Margo Doe refused telling Josh to call Wells Fargo so he can hear it “out

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1 of the horse's mouth" who owns the debt. Margo Doe then told Josh that  
2 she no longer wanted to speak with him and hung up her phone.  
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4 **June 15, 2012 Voicemail from Bertrand**

5 42. On June 15, 2012, Defendant Megan Doe, left the following voicemail on  
6 the cell phone for Josh's friend:

7 Hi, Joshua this is Megan w/ BMG Associates. You contacted our office in  
8 reference to trying to make some arrangement as to here...you know  
9 settlements going inbound that was due. Not sure you were able to receive  
10 that information. But however, you were supposed to be contacting me  
11 back.

12 I'm not sure what we need to do if we....**send this file back out for**  
13 **servicing**...we can go ahead and **contact I believe it was your brother**  
14 that you stated you needed to try to get the funds from. Please call me back  
15 888-861-2647. If we do not hear back we will assume that this is  
16 something you choose not to resolve and we will forward.

17 43. In this voicemail, Defendant Megan Doe says that she would "go ahead"  
18 and contact Josh's brother regarding the debt and maintains the ruse set in  
19 motion by Defendant Margo Doe by falsely implying that suit had been  
20 filed against Josh and that Bertrand had implied permission to contact  
21 Travis.

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## CAUSE OF ACTIONS

**First Cause Of Action  
(Violations Of the Fair Debt Collection Practices  
Act 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq.)**

44. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all of the above paragraphs of this  
Complaint as though fully stated herein.

45. The foregoing acts and omissions of Defendants constitute numerous and multiple violations of the FDCPA, including but not limited to each and every one of the above-cited provisions of the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq.

46. As a result of each and every Defendants' violations of the FDCPA, Plaintiffs are entitled to actual damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(1); statutory damages in an amount up to \$1,000.00 pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(A); and, reasonable attorney's fees and costs pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3) from Defendants.

**Second Cause Of Action  
(Violation Of The Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection  
Practices Act §§ 1788-1788.32)**

47. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.

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48. The foregoing acts and omissions of Defendants constitute numerous and multiple violations of the RFDCPA.

49. As a result of Defendants' violations of the RFDCPA, Plaintiffs are entitled to actual damages pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code § 1788.30(a); statutory damages for a knowing or willful violation in the amount up to \$1,000.00 pursuant to California Civil Code § 1788.30(b); and reasonable attorney's fees and costs pursuant to California Civil Code § 1788.30(c) from Defendants.

## **Third Cause Of Action (Invasion Of Privacy Intrusion Into Private Affairs)**

50. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.

51. Beginning on or about May 2012, Defendants have intentionally intruded on Josh's privacy by calling members of his family, threatening to issue an arrest warrant for his arrest, and deceiving him into thinking that Bertrand had filed a lawsuit against him.

52. Beginning on or about May 2012, Defendants have intentionally intruded on Travis and Jenny's privacy by calling them and threatening to pursue

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1 them for Josh's debt.

2 53. Defendants' conduct would be highly offensive to a reasonable person  
3 because such a person would be offended at having their financial affairs  
4 publicized to third-parties and be targeted with these false threats.

5 54. Plaintiffs were harmed and Defendants' conduct was a substantial factor in  
6 causing Plaintiffs this harm.

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9 **Fourth Cause Of Action**  
10 **(Intentional Infliction Of Emotional Distress)**

11 55. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all of the above paragraphs of this  
12 Complaint as though fully stated herein.

13 56. Defendants' conduct was extreme and outrageous as evidence by these  
14 facts:

15 a. Defendants illegally revealed Josh's personal financial information to  
16 his father, his sister-in-law, and brother;

17 b. Defendants falsely told Plaintiff's sister-in-law that a warrant had  
18 been issued for his arrest;

19 c. Defendants terrorized Jenny and Travis by falsely telling them that  
20 they were legally responsible for Josh's debt;

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1                   d. Defendants deceived Josh into believing that suit had been filed  
2                   against him when no such action had been carried out; and  
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4                   e. Defendants deceived Josh into believing that he was legally  
5                   responsible for an assessment fee because Defendants had to resort  
6                   to filing suit against him to collect on the purported debt.  
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8                   f. Defendants deceived Josh into believing that they were a government  
9                   enforcement agency or affiliated with one when they told him that  
10                  the debt was coming from the “FDCI” [sic] Banking Institution.”

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12       57. Given Plaintiffs’ unfamiliarity with the law, Plaintiffs were particularly  
13                  vulnerable to suffering emotional distress. Plaintiffs’ susceptibility to  
14                  suffering emotional distress is especially true in light of Plaintiffs’ belief  
15                  that Defendants’ had apparent regulatory authority to collect the debt.

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17       58. Defendants’ conduct was intentional, as evidenced, by these false and  
18                  misleading statements, which served no other purpose than to induce Josh,  
19                  Travis, and Jenny into paying the debt.

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21       59. These tactics were successful as demonstrated by:

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23                  a. Josh panicking and contacting Travis to borrow the necessary funds  
24                  to pay Bertrand;

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1 b. Josh's attempts to work out a payment arrangement between him and  
2 Defendants in order to avoid being arrested and being involved in a  
3 lawsuit;

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5 c. Jenny and Travis incorrectly believing that Defendants' could pursue  
6 them personally unless Josh paid the debt;

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8 60. As a result of Defendants' conduct, Plaintiffs suffered paranoia, depression,  
9 worry, fear, and anxiety, and emotional distress.

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11 61. Because Defendants acted with oppression, fraud, malice, and with an  
12 intent to harm Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs are entitled to punitive damages in an  
13 amount according to proof.

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15 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

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17 **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff prays that judgment be entered against Defendant for:

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19 **FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT**

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21 a. An award of actual damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(1);  
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23 b. An award of statutory damages of \$1,000.00, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §  
24 1692k(a)(2)(A), from Defendants;  
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26 c. An award of costs of litigation and reasonable attorney's fees, pursuant  
27 to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3) from Defendants.

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- a. An award of actual damages pursuant to California Civil Code § 1788.30(a);
- b. An award of statutory damages of \$1,000.00, pursuant to California Civil Code § 1788.30(b), from Defendants;
- c. An award of costs of litigation and reasonable attorney's fees, pursuant to California Civil Code § 1788.30(c), from Defendants.

## INVASION OF PRIVACY

- a. An award of compensatory damages in an amount to be adduced at trial;
- b. An award of emotional distress damages;
- c. An award of punitive damages.

## **INTENTIONAL INFILCTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS**

- a. An award of compensatory damages in an amount to be adduced at trial;
- b. An award of punitive damages.

## OTHER RELIEF

Any and all further relief that the Court deems just and proper.

## TRIAL BY JURY

Pursuant to the Seventh Amendment to the Constitution of the United

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1 States of America, Plaintiff is entitled to, and demands, a trial by jury.  
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14 Plaintiffs Joshua Keahey, Travis Keahey,  
15 and Jenny Keahey  
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
CIVIL COVER SHEET

<b>I (a) PLAINTIFFS</b> (Check box if you are representing yourself <input type="checkbox"/> ) JOSHUA KEAHEY, an individual, TRAVIS KEAHEY, an individual, and JENNY KEAHEY, an individual.	<b>DEFENDANTS</b> BERTRAND MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC, a.k.a. BM Group, LLC, MEGAN DOE, MARGO DOE, and DOES 1 to 5			
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<b>II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION</b> (Place an X in one box only.)	<b>III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES - For Diversity Cases Only</b> (Place an X in one box for plaintiff and one for defendant.)			
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<b>V. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: JURY DEMAND:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (Check 'Yes' only if demanded in complaint.)				
<b>CLASS ACTION under F.R.C.P. 23:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>MONEY DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT:</b> \$ to be proven at trial				
<b>VI. CAUSE OF ACTION</b> (Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.) Defendants failed to make meaningful disclosures when leaving telephone messages on Plaintiff's telephone in violation of the FDCPA and RFDCPA				
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CIVIL COVER SHEET

**VIII(a). IDENTICAL CASES:** Has this action been previously filed in this court and dismissed, remanded or closed?  No  Yes  
If yes, list case number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Civil cases are deemed related if a previously filed case and the present case:**

(Check all boxes that apply)  A. Arise from the same or closely related transactions, happenings, or events; or  
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 C. For other reasons would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges; or  
 D. Involve the same patent, trademark or copyright, and one of the factors identified above in a, b or c also is present.

**IX. VENUE:** (When completing the following information, use an additional sheet if necessary.)

(a) List the County in this District; California County outside of this District; State if other than California; or Foreign Country, in which **EACH** named plaintiff resides.  
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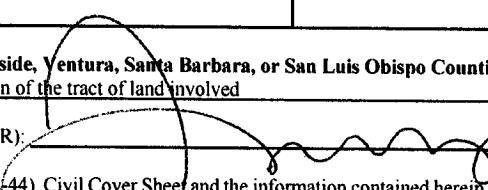
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**X. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PRO PER):**
  
 Date October 12, 2012

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Key to Statistical codes relating to Social Security Cases:

Nature of Suit Code	Abbreviation	Substantive Statement of Cause of Action
861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended. Also, include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program. (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b))
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C. 923)
863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))
863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))
864	SSID	All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Title 16 of the Social Security Act, as amended.
865	RSI	All claims for retirement (old age) and survivors benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. (g))

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**NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR DISCOVERY**

This case has been assigned to District Judge Cormac J. Carney and the assigned discovery Magistrate Judge is Arthur Nakazato.

The case number on all documents filed with the Court should read as follows:

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Pursuant to General Order 05-07 of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, the Magistrate Judge has been designated to hear discovery related motions.

All discovery related motions should be noticed on the calendar of the Magistrate Judge

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